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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahi TSUBOI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2125

Application No.: 10/687,836

Examiner: M. MASINICK

Filed: October 20, 2003

Docket No.: 117496

For: PROBE DRIVING MECHANISM FOR DISPLACEMENT MEASURING
APPARATUSES

APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Masinick in the August 25, 2005 personal interview. The following is Applicants' personal record of the interview.

During the interview, the Applicants' representative presented arguments that the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on July 8, 2005 overcomes the 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph, rejection and distinguishes over Takie for the reasons presented therein. The Examiner agreed that the Amendment overcomes the art of record, but stated that an updated search is necessary. Regarding the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection, the examiner indicated that he believes the amendment to claim 1 may not overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection. Thus, other possible amendments to claim 1 were discussed. The Examiner indicated that one of the possible amendments to claim 1 discussed in the interview appears to overcome the applied references and the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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